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# HOW WE'VE CHANGED



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Foster Logan is tested for the coronavirus at the COVID-19 mobile testing unit in the parking lot of the Gertrude C. Ford Center.

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While it is unclear how many students have been tested for COVID-19 on campus, the student population continues to report new cases daily, with the university dashboard showing a 10.3% increase in total cases in the past week.

The University of Mississippi brought a mobile testing unit to set up in the Gertrude C. Ford Center parking lot to test students, faculty and staff. The mobile lab is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for students who make appointments. Students must be select-ed by the university to receive the voucher to cover the cost of the test.

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## Students still adjusting to online classes

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Students at the University of Mississippi continue to navigate the challenges of pursuing an education under COVID-19 regulations. As the routine-altering switch to online, remote and socially-distanced classes approaches the end of its fourth week, many students are beginning to see its lasting effects on their lives.

“In the long run, online classes will have taught me a lot about life, not as much about course material. I have learned how to best manage time in difficult circumstances and how to deal mentally with seemingly hopeless situations,” Bailey Fitts, a sophomore Spanish major, said.

Noah McClanahan, a sophomore public policy leadership major, agreed with Fitts, adding that while online classes do get the job done, it just isn’t the same as having them

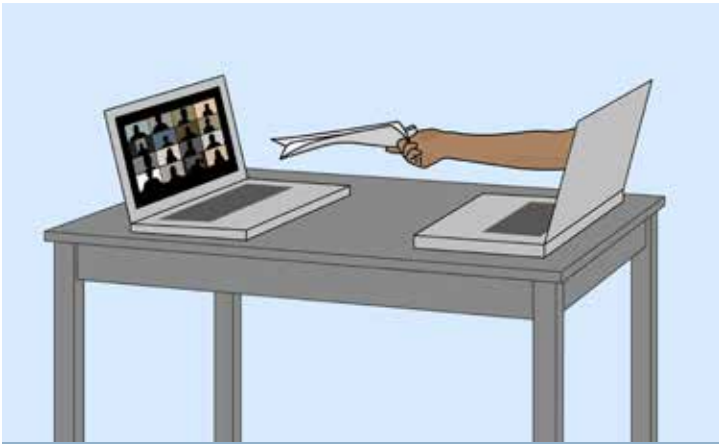


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in person.

“From a strictly academic perspective, online classes have been manageable, but from a holistic standpoint, they can’t hold a candle to the normal college experience,” McClanahan said.

The greatest change to the normal college experience has been the number of courses that are taught with in each mode of instruction: web, online, remote, hybrid and face-to-face. Of the 4,387

only one student is enrolled may be offered face-to-face, but spread among five sections of an accounting course, nearly 500 students are obtaining the credit online.

Of the 261,474 credit hours being taught this semester, 22.45% are hybrid classes, and only 6.2% of hours are being conducted in face-to-face format. Thus, far more small-

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- Noah McClanahan  
Sophomore public policy leadership major

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## Housing workers publish demands

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UMiss Housing Demands (UHD), a self-described group of six current and former community assistants (CA) and community desk assistants (CDA), posted an open letter anonymously on Twitter with demands that the university improves working conditions for student housing workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. By the time of publication, the letter has 62 signatures from students, faculty, alumni and former housing workers.

The group’s demands are aimed at Chancellor Glenn Boyce and university administration, not

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# Organizations modify fall plans

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ome of the largest and most integral student organizations on campus are in the midst of reexamining their responsibilities and goals for the fall semester. From the Students Activities Association (SAA) and the Big Event to RebelTHON and the Columns Society, student leaders are finding new ways to fulfill the purposes of their organizations.

Trevor Davis, the executive director of the Students Activities Association (SAA), used Welcome Week as an example when saying that some of SAA's events will take place on campus, while others are on Zoom.

"We don't want to make it seem like you have to leave the safety of your dorm or your house if you don't want to, but you can still enjoy campus programming, so we did do some virtual stuff," Davis said. "I think it's something that's also gonna continue

throughout the year as well as, like us just developing other kinds of creative ways to tackle this problem.

Cade Slaughter, president of the Columns Society, said many of the events Columns Society usually works on have been cancelled or postponed, but they are focusing on community strengthening within the group and preparing for any events that may present themselves.

"We assisted the Student Affairs Office in the Lyceum in assembling and distributing the care packages around campus the first week of school," Slaughter said. "That was an event in many regards that allowed us to roll up our sleeves and find a sense of normalcy while wearing the navy blazer."

Brianna Chambers, the president of RebelTHON, said that making things virtual should not affect funding for RebelTHON, given that the main platform they receive donations through is DonorDrive.

"Our fundraising will still depend upon our amazing participants who reach out to their support system for donations," Chambers said. "There are social-media focused fundraising campaigns that should come out soon."

Chambers also said that she's hopeful for the dance marathon to still take place in the spring semester, and she is working closely with the staff at the student union to explore options like having shifts for people to sign up and attend while following social distancing protocols.

"We all know how important the dance marathon is to our Miracle Kids and our participants who have worked hard fundraising all year," Chambers said.

Slaughter, who is also one of the co-directors of the Big Event, said that while the Big Event is a long ways away, he's waiting to hear about how spring programming will go before making any concrete plans.



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Malcom Aguebor is thrown off of a mechanical shark during the SAA Welcome Week. SAA has had to cancel or change nearly all events

"For now, we're reshaping the way our executive board works and focusing on both highlighting community partners in the next few months and organizing service projects that can be done in small groups through the work of our exec board members and the members who will eventually be on our subcommittees for Big Event," Slaughter said.

Davis said that he's feeling optimistic about the rest of the year

and how student organizations are going to adapt.

"We're going to approach this like a unique challenge, and we're going to make the best of it. We recognize our responsibility as an event planning organization. Just because all this stuff is going on, that doesn't mean that we aren't going to do our jobs," Davis said. "We're still going to provide stuff for students to do, whether that's on campus or on their computers."

# Students Against Social Injustice stage "die-in" protest

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Over a dozen members of Students Against Social Injustice (SASI) participated in what they called a "die-in" on the afternoon of Sept. 16. Holding signs that read "Save our health, not UMiss wealth" and "People over profits," the students gathered around the Lyceum to protest university administrators' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are here for an education that we can't get because we are terrified of a virus that our chancellor could have protected us from," one SASI member said at the protest.

All participants said they were "instructed not to talk to the media" by their media liaison and refused to state their names.

In a media advisory released by SASI, the stated purpose of the protest was "to highlight the lack of transparency from university adminis-



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SASI protesters demanded better working conditions for campus workers during the coronavirus in a demonstration in front of the Lyceum.

tration regarding COVID-19, to make demands of university administration and to support workers on campus making demands for safer conditions."

The group carried a painted cardboard coffin inscribed with the words "We won't die for your dollars" and placed it at the Circle-facing door of the

Lyceum. Some participants proceeded to move to either side of the building to chant mantras like "We have reached our boiling point. Student

workers run this joint," and "Up, up, up with the workers, down, down, down with the bosses."

While several students voiced the group's grievances, a few of them laid down in front of the steps and placed signs shaped like headstones above themselves. At one point during the demonstration, three Starship food delivery robots interrupted, running into the protesters who were lying down on the sidewalk

Another SASI member addressed Chancellor Glenn Boyce directly, saying that all Boyce cared about was making money from the students he is supposed to serve.

"You sit on an \$88,000 cheater's bonus (and) an \$800,000 salary, all while continuing to increase university profit off of our being here," she said. "If a student or worker dies on this campus, their lives are on your hands."

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# Students return from quarantine

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As of Sept. 14, the university’s COVID-19 dashboard shows a total of 5 outbreaks in campus housing, which is a downward trend from last week’s highest total of 16. However, as many freshmen across campus begin to leave their 14-day quarantine periods, the dashboard shows a 10.4% increase in positive cases in the past seven days.

Abby Perkins, a Crosby resident, returned to campus on Sept. 7 after quarantining at home in Memphis for 14 days. The university informed her 12 days after she came in contact with someone who tested COVID-19 positive that she had to leave her floor and quarantine.

“I was very confused and told that it was highly unlikely that I would develop symptoms,” Perkins said.

She also said she thinks some of the university’s COVID-19 policies are “a little extreme.”

“If one person has it on the floor of a building, everyone on the floor should get tested, and if they do not have it, they should be allowed to stay,” Perkins said.

Currently, three outbreaks are necessary on one floor of a residence hall for the entire



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floor to be quarantined, and the university now allows residents to stay in their dorms during the quarantine period. However, the university has continuously changed its policies regarding quarantining students.

Brown Hall, which was originally scheduled to close this school year amid dropping enrollment rates, is an isolation housing option for students who test positive for COVID-19.

Another student, who wanted to be kept anonymous, tested positive for the virus and said the communal bathrooms in Brown were “dirty” and “full of cobwebs” when they moved in.

While total outbreaks seem

to be declining, students continue to enter quarantine and isolation.

Cassandra Doscher, a Crosby resident from Georgia, was told to quarantine beginning on the morning of Sept. 11. The university offered her on-campus housing, but she chose to return home.

“I thought it was ridiculous. My parents had to pick me up,” Doscher said. “Being away from home was hard and then having to go back was not a good experience.”

According to a recent update from the Mississippi Department of Health, the isolation period for students has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days after the onset of one’s symptoms or test date if they are asymptomatic and test positive.

With the ever-changing policies, some freshmen are unsure about the university’s implementation of COVID-19 procedures. Kathryn Toepke, a freshman Pittman resident, said that the policies should be more self-mandated. According to Toepke, the only public areas residents can use are the laundry rooms.

“We can’t even use a study room if we are in there alone, and I’d like to study somewhere that isn’t my room,” Toepke said.

She also mentioned that she knew many people who ignored the university’s COVID-19 policies and ended up being sent home to quarantine.

The student housing contract’s COVID-19 addendum says that students’ non-compliance with coronavirus policies can result in removal from student housing or disciplinary actions. Students who are removed from student housing for not following pandemic guidelines are not eligible for housing

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- Kathryn Toepke  
Freshman

refunds.

Provost Noel Wilkin recently said contact tracing results show that most students who contract the virus are doing so off-campus. Still, Toepke said she thinks the university should let dorm residents have visitors again so tracking the transmission of the virus would be easier.

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the department of student housing, which they told The Daily Mississippian is “doing the best they can with what they were provided.” UHD representatives said they have emailed their demands to Boyce and Provost Noel Wilkin every day this week and hope to have some response by the end of the week.

Among the demands from UHD are hazard pay, more personal protective equipment, mandatory free COVID-19 testing for all on-campus residents and continued payment in the event of a student housing shut down. Several CAs told The Daily Mississippian that they were not made aware of the demands before they were posted publicly. Some student housing workers seem to support the demands, but others feel that the group should have reached out to more workers before making their statement public.

“I know some people are in support, but others are upset that they’ve had someone speak for them without asking what they want,” one CA said.

A UHD representative told The Daily Mississippian that they gained input from some student housing workers, but most did not want to be involved with writing the demands for fear of retaliation from the university.

“While we would have preferred to have a majority of housing staff signed on from the start, the university has a history of discouraging organized labor on campus, and we wanted these demands to see light in order to gain support and allow us to reach housing workers across campus without interference from the university,” the email read.

The representative said that they did not have a way to reach out to all student housing workers at once, and they were afraid that if they tried to reach out to too many, they might alert a supervisor who would “shut them down.”

“We understand that some people may disagree with the way we did this, but we want to make it clear that we are not speaking on behalf of every student housing worker, only putting forth demands similar to those at universities where the situation is similar to ours, in hopes that it will inspire other student workers to join the call for these provisions without having to fear retaliation from our employer,” the email read.

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Above: Liscensed practical nurse Betty Weaver dawns her protective surgical robe before administering a COVID-19 test. Testing administrators throw away used personal protective equipment after every test to insure there is no cross-contamination between tests.

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## Testing in an epidemic

The nurses responsible for testing everyone who comes through the drive-in testing site work 10 shifts twice a week on top of their regular shifts at local hospitals. When the testing center is not operating, unused materials are sent back to the Impact Health offices in Pennsylvania before new supplies arrive for the following week of testing. The test is a relatively simple process: the nurse dips a cotton swab in a saline solution, inserts it into the patient's nasal cavity for a few seconds and then the swab goes to the truck where it is tested. The patient receives results via email approximately two hours after they received the test.



Above: Lab Technician Sophia Stapleton stands for a portrait in the entrance of the mobile testing truck. Stapleton receives samples from patients to run through a machine and analyze the results for evidence of the coronavirus.



Left: Liscensed practical nurse Betty Weaver holds a cotton swab prepared for a COVID-19 test. Below: Results from the tests can be had in as little as 15 minutes.





# The state of the SEC

## How case counts across the SEC could impact Week 1

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The Southeastern Conference (SEC) has been issuing new COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations for weeks in an attempt to manage the pandemic whilst moving forward with football season. Still, outbreaks on its members' respective campuses have continued.

Ole Miss is dealing with less than 100 active COVID-19 cases, and this past week was the first since players returned to campus in which the football team reported zero new positive tests. The total case count at Ole Miss is up to 649 since March, and other SEC schools have similar numbers.

The Daily Mississippian spoke with sports editors across the SEC about their schools' case count and how it is impacting the fall football season.

### University of Florida

River Wells, the sports editor for the Independent Florida Alligator, said the Gators are looking to have a strong team leading into week one against Ole Miss.

"The football team has done a very good job remaining COVID-

19-free," Wells said. "The team had one player test positive, but more importantly, a story we actually broke is that an assistant coach with the team tested positive, and that was big news."

As of Sept. 15, the University of Florida COVID-19 tracker says there are around 700 students who have tested positive since May. This number does not include positive results from students who have been tested off-campus, according to the Alligator's health reporter Thomas Weber.

Weber said the total number is likely much higher.

"As for concerns among the general student population, there was a rise (in cases) after Labor Day with people going home and such," Wells said. "The school still has not clarified how they are doing student tickets with that announcement being very anticipated, but for the most part, UF has done a good job when it came to keeping their football team healthy."

### University of South Carolina

During the week of Sept. 3, the University of South Carolina reported more than 1,000 positive cases, garnering national news

attention.

"Obviously we were on the news for our case count recently, but it has since gone down," said Michael Sauls, co-sports editor for The Daily Gamecock. "I think the main problem was off-campus partying that the university administration could only do so much about."

Although the current total since Aug. 1 among students is 2,185, the football team has been able to avoid many of the effects of COVID-19, according to Sauls.

"(Head coach Will) Muschamp said in a press conference Sunday night that the team currently had two active COVID-19 cases and nine players in quarantine with four or five players returning to practice on Monday," Sauls said.

### University of Tennessee

Similarly to the University of South Carolina, the University of Tennessee recently made national news, but not for their student case count. Instead, the institution received attention for cancelling a Saturday scrimmage because 44 players would be missing.

Ryan Schumpert, the sports editor at The Daily Beacon, said the reason that number was so high was because of contact



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tracing.

"The numbers on that were about seven or eight guys testing positive for COVID-19, and then 27 or 28 guys were out because of contact tracing, and then that would leave the remaining 10 guys or so being out due to regular injuries," Schumpert said.

Contact tracing has led to mass absences of players for multiple teams. According to SEC protocols, if a player is in close contact with someone who tests positive, the non-positive player is forced to sit out for 14 days whether they test positive or not.

Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt expressed frustration with this policy after it led to his team's scrimmage cancellation.

### The take-away

When it comes to the start of the season, there are a lot of keen differences between this season and a normal season. Whether it

be the all-conference schedule, the limited stadium capacity or the absence of tailgating, the question remains: will it all work?

The problems the SEC could run into could have massive implications for the entirety of the conference, such as the effects of contact tracing potentially pulling 20 plus players out.

With high case counts at SEC universities and limited student capacity in stadiums, the risk for the players is low with the distance that is supposed to be kept from spectators. What's not so clear are the potential effects of 15 to 20 thousand fans expected to be in the stadiums.

With Ole Miss facing Florida on Sept. 26, the reality of what will play out at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in week one is still to be seen.

## How Grove-less game days will look this fall

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After Gov. Tate Reeves announced no tailgating and limited 25% stadium capacity on Aug. 20, organizations and individual students started searching for alternative methods to celebrate the usual gameday traditions.

As a part of the SEC guidelines for the fall, no game-day shows will be allowed on the field, so groups like the UM band, the Rebelettes and the cheer team are finding new ways to perform. Instead of performing on the sidelines during home football games this season, the Rebelettes and Ole Miss Cheer will dance in the north end zone — also known as the student section.

For Rachel Levetzow, the Rebelettes spirit squad coordinator, focusing on creative ways to encourage the audience to cheer is the sole goal of the team this year.

"I'll be excited to see what kind of fun, creative ways that they can still feel connected and involved in the game-day atmosphere," Levetzow said. "It's all about being creative and making the best out of every situation you're given and moving forward." The squad typically performs a routine during media breaks of every home game, but since no game-day shows are allowed on the field this fall, Levetzow said the Rebelettes and athletics will pre-record performances each week to play on the jumbotron in Vaught-Hemingway.

"Obviously we're in the middle of the pandemic, but we're going to take the craziest of situations, and we're going to make the best out of it for our fan base," Levetzow said. "Our athletics department, our football team, our production team, cheer, Rebelettes and band are all doing a phenomenal job to create the game-day experience that fans normally get."

Even with these gameday adaptations, some students are frustrated by the prohibited tailgating.

"I've heard a lot of people say they are kind of disappointed about not being able to come out here on Saturdays for football," freshman Ella Ellenburg said as she sat on a bench in the Grove. "They say it feels empty without all of the tents. For a lot of people,

it's not just about the game but about everything that leads up to it."

A typical game-day weekend starts when Trashcan Friday rolls around. This is when blue and red trash cans are placed throughout the Grove and the Circle, signaling an upcoming home game. Tents are usually set up later that afternoon to prepare for the mass amount of alumni, fans, and students that would congregate there. Now, the term "home-gating" is circulating in hopes to bring the same sense of community to Ole Miss football fans cheering on the Rebels from home.

"I definitely think that people will take that same atmosphere that they have in the Grove and take it back home," sophomore Ta'Nia

Hawkins said. "I think people are going to do what they want to do. It's unavoidable."

For sophomore Libby Bauer, her family has been tailgating in the Grove for 20 years and have celebrated countless birthdays and Thanksgivings in the Grove. Bauer's family sets up tents in front of the Lyceum with six or seven other families.

"My dad has always said, 'There's Ole Miss, and there's the University of Mississippi,' and they're two very different things," Bauer said. "While the University of Mississippi gives you the education, Ole Miss gives you the family and sense of belonging and helps you find who you are. Ole Miss is embodied through the Grove and things like that."

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# OPINION

## *Social isolation because of COVID-19 is hurting young people*

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The coronavirus has largely uprooted everyone's lives — from the elderly all the way to young children. But perhaps the most socially affected have been school-aged children and young adults. Schools across the country are closed for the academic year, leaving students at home and away from peers. Is this how we should be spending the greatest years of our life?

The simple answer is no. COVID-19 is not affecting our age group the same way it affects older people. Since February, the CDC has reported that 315 Americans aged 15-24 have died from the virus. Compared to the 101,325 people over the age of 75 who have died, this number is nominal.

However, college campuses continue to impose strict regulations on what students can and cannot do. In Mis-

issippi, Governor Reeves' guidelines limit indoor gatherings to ten people and outdoor to a measly twenty. Ole Miss has held itself closely to these standards, causing student groups to give up plans for in-person meetings in favor of virtual involvement. Even sororities and fraternities had to limit recruitment to small groups and virtual rush events. Bid day came and went without music blaring on Sorority Row, mass crowds of active members patiently awaiting new members, and large parties celebrating the new recruits.

What hinders students even more is the university's economic response to closures. Tuition and fees for this semester did not change even though most classes are online or hybrid. Student organizations that violate the UM COVID-19 gathering policy may be fined up to \$60 a member, and individuals who

go against guidelines may be required to pay up to \$500. On top of the potential fines and little added value to online experiences, students and recent grads are navigating a disastrous job market that does not show signs of rebounding soon.

All of these strange and awkward social guidelines have not made up for face-

to-face interaction. From social gatherings to in-person instruction, students are left wanting. We want to meet with friends on campus or on the Square. We want a campus full of events, clandestine meetings and Saturdays in the Grove. We want to see our professors and fellow classmates in person, not hiding behind a computer camera.

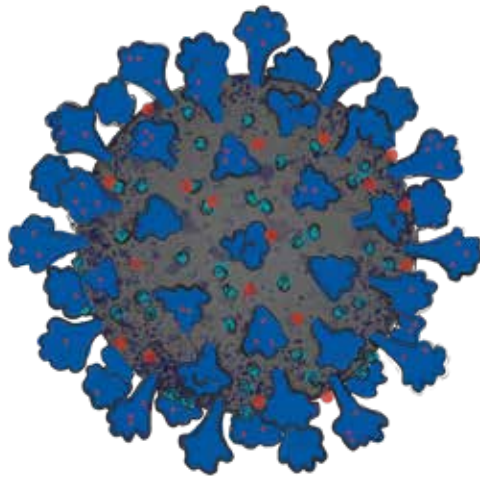


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The times we are living in are unprecedented, but that does not excuse the damage done to young people all in the name of protecting the "vulnerable." How are young adults not included in the vulnerable of society? Our livelihoods after college are at stake. The social skills we develop by interacting with people are done away with. The negative effects of massive shutdowns on young people make me question the wisdom and foresight surrounding the current restrictions. This country will suffer greatly from COVID-19, not only because of the lives lost from the disease but because of the burdens placed on young people all in the name of protecting a minority of the population

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It has been six months since Gov. Tate Reeves declared a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus on March 14 — and there is no end in sight. When I reflect on how this time has passed, I become more and more convinced that we must stop accepting the bare minimum from the government as our progress, health and civil liberties decline. Our basic rights, as Americans and as human beings, depend on it.

This summer, state lawmakers awarded over \$66 million in grants to rural, less affluent areas with few or no high-speed internet options in response to COVID-19. Before this, Mississippi had some of the most limited coverage and the slowest speeds of other states in the US.

Internet access is a prerequisite for participating in a digital society, economic

development and simply connecting with loved ones — especially those we are unable to see because of the pandemic. Had it not been for COVID-19 forcing the majority of our lives to go online, would Mississippi have ever made this investment in such a basic good? It should not have taken a global pandemic for Mississippi to catch up to the rest of the country.

On April 3, the CDC recommended that face masks be worn in public, but it wasn't until four months later in August that Reeves instated a mask mandate in Mississippi. Instead of acting upon urgent health guidelines, Reeves spent the week after the CDC update deeming abortion an unessential medical procedure, lumping this time-sensitive procedure together with operations like wisdom teeth removal and cosmetic surgery.

Rather than being ahead of the curve in terms of public health, the governor was more

interested in forcing women to have unwanted pregnancies during a global pandemic. His urgency finally picked up when the most sacred institution in the state, football, was at stake. The final element that forced Mississippi to take the pandemic seriously was not its citizens' lives, but college football.

Since implementing the universal mask mandate, Mississippi's seven day COVID-19 case average has dropped to below 500 for the first time in nearly three months, according to Reeves. How many of the 1,750+ lives lost before the mask mandate could have been saved had he implemented this mandate months ago?

What could change Mississippi's course for the better would be a change in leadership, but the pandemic has even taken away opportunities for that. We are less than two months away from perhaps the most significant national election of my lifetime. At

least 27 states plus the District of Columbia have made changes to make it easier to vote during the pandemic.

As it stands, only Mississippians with underlying health conditions may vote absentee because of public health concerns. During normal times, we are one of only 16 states that require an excuse to vote early. Now, we are one of only six states that require a reason aside from COVID.

I mentioned earlier that we are expanding internet access — if only we could use this expanded internet access to register to vote online like 40 other states. Our health, peace of mind and ability to safely participate in democracy is a

non-negotiable for all citizens

We should not have to try to work around the government to achieve basics such as internet access, abortion access, public safety or the right to vote. These are the building blocks for the rest of what we deserve in non-pandemic times: infrastructure for the 21st century, affordable and accessible healthcare for all, voting rights for all (yes, even those who were formerly incarcerated) and a government that actually cares about the wellbeing of its people

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## VIRTUAL CLASSES

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sized classes are meeting in person than large ones.

This leaves 71.35% of the university's hours conducted solely online and at far greater distances than the CDC-approved six feet. Many students in classes without in-person instruction have failed to form teacher-student relationships and peer-to-peer friendships this semester.

The university also requires face-to-face and hybrid classes to offer Zoom instruction options for students in quarantine, in isolation or who are immunocompromised. Therefore, while a student may be enrolled in a mixture of online, remote, hybrid and face-to-face classes, he or she could very well be learn-



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Senior Wes Duffield studies in the Grove on Sept. 15. Students have been finding new places to study and take classes while courses are taught remotely.

ing in a completely virtual format this semester.

Meghan Wright, a sophomore international studies major, is one of many students who decided to take classes entirely from her home this

semester. While she said it is a sound financial move and wise health decision, she considers doing school from home an added challenge to the regular difficulty of a full course load.

"I'm having a really hard time, especially considering

the fact that teachers have not reduced the amount of content despite the accelerated semester," Wright said.

Of her 19 credit hours, Wright has one hybrid and one face-to-face class, but is learning entirely through online platforms.

"It is especially difficult to be disconnected from Greek life, the Oxford community, and everything that makes Ole Miss home," Wright said. "The truth is, we students may be enrolled in classes, but this coursework is not what makes Ole Miss home."

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